

Make 'n Take



Name of Make 'n Take: Turtle Island
Theme and Topic: Relationships – The Diversity of First Nations People
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Grades: K – Grade 5

Materials: construction paper to make an outline of the turtle's body, green felt for each student big enough to trace the turtle's body, small paper plates for the turtle's shell, green paint, beads, pipe cleaners, sequins and even googly eyes.

Kindergarten Treaty Resource Guide

Keepers of the Earth

Nanabosho How The Turtle Got Its Shell by Joe McLellan

Procedure:

1. Begin with a telling or reading the Creation story based on the Catholic bible. It is helpful to focus on the 7 days of Creation and the order in which God created the world as this will help the students make connections with the Appendix F – First Nations Historical Worldview – page 77 in the Kindergarten Treaty Resource Guide.
2. Choose a variety of Creation stories from Keepers of the Earth (or other known resources) and share these with the students and compare them with the First Nations versions from the suggested websites in Activity 2 page 20. It is important to focus on Turtle Island as the name First Nations often gave to North America. There is a map of Turtle Island in the Kindergarten Treaty Resource Guide, Appendix A - Page 49. There are also websites listed with a variety of creation stories and specific references to Turtle Island.
3. Read the story *Nanabosho How The Turtle Got Its Shell* by Joe McLellan. This is an Ojibway legend.
4. Introduce the turtle art lesson as follows.

Art Lesson Steps

- a) To create the turtle, trace the body pattern on to a piece of green felt.
- b) Using a small paper plate, have the students paint the “shell” green.
- c) They can then decorate the shell with different colours of paints or a variety of craft supplies such as beads, pipe cleaners, sequins and even googly eyes.

** *A follow up lesson could include having the students write their own legend on How Turtle Got It’s Shell or even how another animal got one of its distinguishing characteristics.